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DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Monday, 14 January 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [redacted]

The Director:

A. Asked Mr. Becker to go through the reports received from State on the Truman-Churchill talks and extract therefrom certain policy statements which might concern this Agency. These extracts are to be given direct to the concerned individuals in CIA. (Note: Mr. Becker is to see the DCI and explain to him the circumstances surrounding the dissemination of the above reports to CIA).

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B. Noted the item in the log concerning [redacted] and asked Mr. Wisner to expand on the actual duties of [redacted]

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Mr. Wisner stated that this individual was in fact an employee of [redacted] and that it was necessary for him to "ask questions and seek information" on a purely overt basis.

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The Director then stated that he hoped CIA would not appear as having any connection with [redacted]

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Mr. Wisner said that instances of this nature had come up before and so far we had always been in the clear.

The Director stated that possibly Clay might call upon the [redacted] Ambassador and explain this situation to him.

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D. Referred to the item in the log concerning the intelligence set-up in EUCOM and asked if a selection had been made for "a coordinator".

Mr. Wisner referred to an exchange of cables between his office and General [redacted] and indicated that [redacted] did not desire one.

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E. Referred to the item in the log concerning a report by the Chief [redacted] Foreign Intelligence and stated that this matter could be handled by 1) calling [redacted] in and telling him to advise his

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people that this was our operation; or 2) proceeding along the lines indicated by SO. Of the two methods, the DCI prefers the former and indicated he would talk to [redacted] if it appeared this method would best serve our purpose in this matter.

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25X1 Mr. Dulles:

A. Stated that [redacted] had indicated that he had some free time on his hands and had offered to give certain lectures to some of our people.

25X1 After some discussion, the Director stated that he saw no reason why [redacted] could not speak to our "trainees" provided we observed proper security measures.

Mr. Dulles noted that he was to meet with Matt Baird this afternoon and would pass this along to him.

25X1 B. Reported that General Ridgway was in accord with our plan for penetration and that Mr. [redacted] and Col. Johnston would be thoroughly briefed on this matter prior to their departure and would talk further with Gen. Ridgway when they saw him.

25X1 The Director asked for the arrival date of M [redacted] and Col. Johnston [redacted] in order that he might send Gen. Ridgway a cable. 25X1

Mr. Wisner undertook to obtain this information.

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Mr. Wisner:

25X1 A. Noted that [redacted] was arriving this week and the Director agreed to attend a dinner being held for him on 25 January.

B. Asked if the Director had seen the AP dispatch over the week-end concerning the new State Department set-up to conduct their information program.

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Mr. Wisner (Continued)

After some discussion, the DCI asked Mr. Wisner to secure what information he could on this new program.

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After some discussion, the DCI stated that it might be well to organize our own.

Mr. Wisner stated that in his opinion the formation of such a committee would be of more benefit if formed as a result of spontaneous action.

D. Asked if the Director had seen the recent newspaper item concerning Czech arrests of agents.

The DCI indicated that he had and asked Mr. Wisner to find out from [redacted] whether any of these people belonged to the [redacted]

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E. Briefly discussed Drew Pearson's article of 13 January.

Mr. Becker:

A. Briefly reported additional information as to why it was necessary for [redacted] to send some of his people to [redacted]

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B. Noted that he had seen the ORR paper on trade with China and that it would be in final form prior to Mr. Churchill's return to Washington.

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